



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Alton Parks and Recreation~ Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs

The Alton Parks and Recreation-Grounds and Maintenance Department is responsible for organizing, planning and promoting recreational activities to improve the quality of life for members of the Alton community and is also responsible for the maintenance of Town buildings, parks and recreational areas.

The Department has been busy this year with Town facility projects. Repairs were made to the retaining walls at Railroad Square Park and Harmony Park. The Town voted to approve the reconstruction of the Green Monster Fence at Jones Field Park and that was completed this spring in cooperation with the Alton Youth League- it's a wonderful experience for families to play at Little Fenway Park, replica of the home to the 2007 World Series Champions- The Boston Red Sox. Improvements were made to the Town Beach as part of Phase 2 of the Beach Revitalization plan. Sand was replenished on the beach and landscaping including flower barrels, bushes and perennials were added to enhance the park like setting.

New recreational programs were added this year including: Touch a Truck; Geocaching; 7-07-07 Outdoor Bingo; Koga Yoga for children; Senior Yoga; Kripalu Yoga; Youth and Adult Tennis Lessons; Reiki Clinic; Watercolor Painting Classes; and Programs for Tweens.

Town of Alton Parks and Recreation Facilities:

- *Liberty Tree Park:* Waterfront park, river access, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, sand volleyball court, skateboard park, picnic area, slide and swings, water fountain, canoe launch, park benches;
- *Jones Field:* "Little Fenway Park"-Baseball field, softball field, practice soccer field, playground, fishing, picnic area, river access, canoe launch;
- *Railroad Square Park:* Lake access, waterfront park, picnic area, swim dock, park benches, boat launch, public restrooms, flower gardens, bandstand, water fountain, fishing, public boat docks, kiosk;
- *Harmony Park:* Covered picnic area, fishing, water fountain, scenic views;
- *Alton Town Beach:* Lake access, perched sandy beach, public restrooms, swimming, park benches, picnic area;
- *Alton Bay Community Center and Pearson Road Community Center:* Available for rental, meeting room/function hall, kitchen with stove, restrooms;
- *Ginny Douglas Park:* Scenic flower gardens, park benches, gazebo, picnic area;
- *Half Moon Lake:* Boat launch, picnic area;
- *West Alton Beach:* Swim area with scenic views.

A special thank you to the Garden Club, Youth Soccer and Basketball Coaches and the Parks and Recreation Commission members who donate their time, energy and ideas to the community in order for us to provide valuable services, programs and facilities. Together we are creating community through people, parks and programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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